### UNITED STATES CONTINUING UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)



Atty. Docket No. 05046-00041

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Enclosed herewith is a continuing patent application and the following papers:

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Inventor (or application identifier): Jeffrey Peter Allen

Title of Invention: FUEL CELL BIOPOLAR SEPARATOR PLATE AND CURRENT COLLECTOR ASSEMBLY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE

- □ Continuation
- Divisional
- □ Continuation-in-Part

of prior application No. <u>09/714,526</u>, filed <u>November 16, 2000</u>.

- Specification 32 pages (including specification, claims, abstract) / 15 claims (1 independent), after entry of the Preliminary Amendment.
- 2. Declaration/Power of Attorney:
  - Copy from Prior Application (for continuation or divisional application)
  - □ Newly Executed Declaration (for CIP application)
  - □ Deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
  - Deletion of Inventor(s) Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
  - Incorporation by Reference The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein
- 3. 21 Distinct sheets of Formal □ Informal Drawings

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4.	Patent A	Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.  Amend the specification by replacing the second paragraph with the following paragraph:  This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/714,526, filed November 16, and claims priority from Provisional Patent Application No. 60/165,712, filed November 16, 1999; Provisional Application No. 60/187,526, filed on March 7, 2000; and Provisional Patent Application No. 60/242,760, on October 24, 2000					
5.		Informa	ntion Disclosur Form 1449 A copy of eac	re Statement ch cited prior art reference			
6.		Assignr □	Assignment with Cover Sheet attached Assignment filed in prior application. Application assigned to: GenCell Corporation of Southbury, CT.				
7.	Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following application(s) (provisional foreign applications):						
	Country			Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)		
	US			60/165,712	16 NOV 1999		
				60/187,526	07 MARCH 2000		
		US		60/242,760	24 OCT 00		
8.	0	Priority	is hereby clain	ned under 35 U.S.C. § 120 based upon the	ne following application(s):		
	Country			Application Number	Date of Filing (day, month, year)		
		US		09/714,526	16 NOV 2000		
9.	0	Priority	document(s)				
10.		Small E	•	status was claimed in prior application. Status is being claimed hereby.	mall Entity status is still proper and desired		

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#### 12. Calculation of Fees:

FEES FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS	FEE	AMOUNT DUE	
Basic Filing Fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))			\$770.00	
Total Claims in Excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c))	0	18.00	\$0.00	
Independent Claims in Excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b))	0	86.00	\$0.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d))	0	290.00	\$0.00	
Subtotal - Filing Fee Due	\$770.00			
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Reduction by 50%, if Small Entity (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)	0.50		\$385.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE DUE	\$385.00			
Assignment Recordation Fee (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h))	0	40.00	\$0.00	
GRAND TOTAL DUE			\$385.00	

### 13. PAYMENT is:

- The Commissioner is authorized to debit the instant filing fee, in the amount of \$385.00, and any other fees during the pendency of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
- not included, but deferred under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f)
- 14. All correspondence for the attached application should be directed to:

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16. Other: Application Data Sheets (3 pages); Replacement Sheet of Fig. 3; and return postcard.

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**Enclosures**